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SUBJECT: REVISED ANNOUNCEMENT – INSPECTION OF AREVA NP INC. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION POSTPONED

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Subsequent to the inspection, a report will be issued and transmitted to you via letter. The lead inspector for this effort is Mr. George Lipscomb; you may contact him at (301) 415-6838 or via electronic mail at [George.Lipscomb@NRC.gov](mailto:George.Lipscomb@NRC.gov).

The following inspection report number has been assigned to your facility: 05200020/2012-201. Please reference this number on any correspondence sent to the NRC.

Sincerely,

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